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March 9, 1990

Mr. Edwin A. Cole
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44 West 400 South
Delta, Utah 84624

Dear Mr. Cole:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Mineral Fossil Lease #42750 Project, S/027/014, Millard County, Utah.

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on March 1, 1990. The application for the proposed Mineral Fossil Lease #42750 Project, located in Section 2, T17S, R13W, SLBM, is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

However, pursuant to your request for several variances from the operational and reclamation practices, we will need to perform an onsite inspection before we can approve your request. Mr. Jerry Mansfield, of the Division of State Lands and Forestry, would like to perform a joint inspection of your mine site. We would like to schedule a field visit sometime after April 11, 1990. Please contact me to arrange a convenient date and time to perform the site inspection.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (attachments SMO-1 and SMO-2).

Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (attachment SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

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Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

Please be advised that the State Division of Environmental Health may also require certain permits for your proposed operation. For further information regarding their permitting requirements, you may contact the Division of Environmental Health at (801) 538-6121; their mailing addresss is Utah State Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116-0690.

Thank you for your cooperation. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure
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